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Hendrick, Kendall B., et al) Art Unit: 3724
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This paper is filed in reply to the October 17, 2005 Office Action for the above-captioned U.S. patent application. A 2-month extension of time is needed to avoid abandonment, which Petition therefore is included herewith.

Amendments to the Specification are discussed on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.